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1. SUMMARY: MITTERAND AND PARTY VISITED SAN JOSE FOR THIRTEEN HOURS JANUARY 25-26. HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDED A DINNER HOSTED BY PRESIDENT ODUBER AND AN AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE. NOTHING SIGNIFICANT TRANSPIRED. END SUMMARY.

2. FRENCH SOCIALIST PARTY LEADER FRANCOIS MITTERAND ACCOMPANIED BY MARXIST THEORETICIAN REGIS DEBRAY AND MARSEILLES' MAYOR DELLEIERE MADE A BRIEF 13-HOUR OVERNIGHT STOP IN COSTA RICA JANUARY 25-26. THE VISIT WAS BILLED AS UNOFFICIAL AS MITTERAND HAD BEEN INVITED BY THE GOVERNING NATIONAL LIBERATION PARTY (PLN) AND NOT THE GOCR.

3. MITTERAND AND PARTY ARRIVED IN COUNTRY EVENING JANUARY 25. THEY WERE MET BY PLANNING MINISTER OSCAR ARIAS WHO ESCORTED THEM TO A DINNER IN THEIR HONOR HOSTED BY PRESIDENT ODUBER. IN ATTENDANCE WERE VICE PRESIDENT CARLOS MANUEL CASTILLO, FOREIGN MINISTER-DESIGNATE GONZALO FACIO, AND OTHER GOCR DIGNITARIES.
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4. BEFORE DEPARTING FOR VENEZUELA MORNING JANUARY 26, MITTERAND MET WITH THE LOCAL PRESS. AMONG THE MORE INTERESTING POINTS HE MADE WERE:

-- FRENCH PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING HAS GOOD INTENTIONS BUT THEY ARE GEARED TO NOT DISTURBING THE SOCIAL CLASS (BOURGEOISE)

TO WHICH HE BELONGS.

-- ALTHOUGH HE BELIEVES IT BEST THAT EACH COUNTRY RESOLVE ITS OWN PROBLEMS, HE JUSTIFIED CUBAN INVOLVEMENT IN ANGOLA BECAUSE INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY EXISTS WHEN SOME NATIONS ARE HABITUALLY DOMINATED BY COLONIALISM.

-- COMMUNISM DOES NOT HAVE A MONOPOLY ON SOCIAL SOLUTIONS.

5. MITTERAND WAS EVASIVE IN REPLIES TO QUESTIONS AS TO THE POSSIBLE ROLE OF FRENCH COMMUNISTS IN A POTENTIAL MITTERAND GOVERNMENT.

6. FOLLOWING HIS PRESS CONFERENCE, MITTERAND MET WITH LUIS ALBERTO MONGE, LEADING CONTENDER FOR THE PLN PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION AND LONG-TIME PLN SECRETARY GENERAL AND FRIEND OF MITTERAND.

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